

ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2008
Chicago, IL 10:30 A.M.

Attendees: Gerald Cooper, Paul McCloskey, David Taylor, Jean Cannon, Gerald Jutila, Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Lynette Thompson-Edwards, and via conference call: Chairman Ruth, Curtis Beam, Wendy Davidson, Kevin Leach

Chairman Ruth called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. A previously prepared agenda was distributed, a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes

Upon motion by Paul McCloskey, seconded by Gerald Cooper, the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 11, 2008, were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ruth announced his resignation as Chairman effective October 2, 2008 and the appointment of Arbitrator Gerald Jutila to be Chairman of the Commission effective October 3, 2008.

Chairman Ruth reported the Insurance Compliance Division continues to collect fines from uninsured employers. Further, he stated that three new investigators have been hired and are starting employment at the end of September.

Chairman Ruth reported the Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit of the Illinois Dept. of Professional and Financial Regulation has started to prosecute cases resulting in a couple of convictions to date. The Fraud Unit's annual report is available on the Commission's website.

Chairman Ruth further reported the Commission had prepared responses to comments made of the proposed amendments to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule to create fee schedules for ambulatory surgical treatment centers, rehabilitation hospitals, and certain hospital outpatient services. Responses will be forwarded to the Joint Committee of Administrative Rules (JCAR) to review the changes.

III. Manager's Report

A. Bankruptcy Exposure to Security Fund

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Board the Bankruptcy Exposure to Security Fund report as of 6/30/08.

B. Security Fund Forecast

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented to the Board the security fund forecast as of 6/30/08.

Maria Sarli-Dehlin informed the Board that based on the negative assessment fund balance an assessment was necessary. After discussion, and upon motion by Paul McCloskey, seconded by Gerald Cooper, the Board unanimously voted to issue a security fund assessment on November 1, 2008.

IV. New Business

None

Thereafter, the Chairman moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation/attorney's report pursuant to 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting, after which the Board convened in closed session.

After closed session, the Board reconvened in open session. There being no further business, upon motion by Curtis Beam, seconded by Paul McCloskey and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.